(c) Does not arise.

(d) As per norms prescribed for 'A' Category Model Station, all passenger amenities have already been provided at Buxar railway station. Further, (i) improvement of platform surface of platform no. 1, 2 & 3 and (ii) provision of high mast tower in circulating area have been planned for sanction at Buxar railway station.

Date of completion does not arise.

Threats of planting explosives in trains

4109. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railway officials have received threats of planing explosives and blasts in trains if death sentence to Afzal Guru is not commuted;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to beef up security to rail passengers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. An anonymous letter addressed to the Station Manager, Delhi was received on 02-02-2007 threatening that Delhi Main Railway Station and other Railway Stations, Bus Stands, Air Ports, Vaishno Devi Mandir, Golden Temple Amritsar by planting bombs will be blasted if Afzal Guru is not released by Government of India.

(c) The following measures are being taken to improve security arrangements at important and vulnerable railway stations:—

- Number of trained sniffer dogs in the existing Railway Protection Force Dog Squads are being increased.
- Close Circuit Televisions, Hand Held Metal Detectors and Door Frame Metal Detectors are being provided at sensitive railway stations for anti-sabotage checks.
- To upgrade training centres to improve quality of training to Railway Protection Force personnel, Jagjivan Ram Railway Protection Force Academy, Lucknow has already been upgraded as Centralized Training Institute.

- Intensive publicity and public awareness campaigns alerting and educating all passengers public to remain vigilant against any unidentified/unclaimed suspicious objects lying on platforms, railway premises or coaches and to report to Railway Protection Force/Government Railways Police/Railway officials available nearby.
- Close co-ordination with GRP, State Police and Central Intelligence agencies for regular exchange of intelligence information.

Food supplied by IRCTC

4110. SHRIMATI S.C. INDIRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that IRCTC oversee the supply of 25 lakh meals per day and there had been no major health hazard till date;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Railways supply fresh cooked food at every 100 kms;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Railways had set up over 100 base kitchens; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) supplies and oversees about 25 lakh meals per day, which include snacks and beverages also. Efforts are always made to supply freshly cooked food to the passengers.

There has not been any major health hazard after consuming meals supplied by IRCTC. Punitive action is taken whenever poor quality of catering services is reported.

(c) and (d) No, Sir, IRCTC has proposed to set up 100 Cell Kitchens over Indian Railways. So far, contracts for Cell Kitchens at 18 locations have been awarded by IRCTC.